



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Medical Services Division

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Ambulance Observer Rules & Guidelines

Ambulance Observers will abide by all of the following rules or forfeit their opportunity to complete clinical rotations with the Covington Fire Department. The Covington Fire Department does reserve the right to discontinue offering such opportunities to any ambulance observer that the Covington Fire Department deems unfit for any reason.

1. Ambulance Observers must be 18 years of age or older to ride-along on apparatus
2. Observers will request ride dates online at https://calendly.com/covington_fire. Observers will receive e-mail confirmation of their request. Any necessary changes will be communicated via email.
3. The observers will give at least 24 hours' notice prior to cancellation of a scheduled shift.
4. Any observer that does not present scheduled shift without proper prior cancellation will be marked absent. Ambulance Observers receiving 2 absences will forfeit their opportunity to perform ambulance observations with the Covington Fire Department.
5. Students from affiliated educational programs will have priority in scheduling.
6. Ambulance Observers must sign a HIPPA confidentiality agreement and Hold Harmless agreement.
7. Ambulance Observers will wear a white collared shirt, navy blue pants, black shoes, and school/work identification badge.
8. Ambulance Observers must bring a complete change of clothing, including pants, shirt, underwear, socks and shoes, in case of contamination (ie. Blood, vomit, bed-bugs, fleas, etc.)
9. It is recommended that observers be prepared for inclement weather conditions.
10. Ambulance Observers will not be permitted to perform any skills or procedures.
11. Ambulance Observers will follow the directions/instructions given to them by the Preceptor Paramedic and/or Company Officer.

The Covington Fire Department agrees to:

1. Provide an educational experience that is beneficial to the observer.
2. The Covington Fire department will provide all necessary PPE to the observers, including a PPE fanny pack and cold weather jacket to use during their clinical experience.

We look forward to providing you a great educational experience. If you have any questions regarding the rules and regulations set forth herein, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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